

[Letter from John A. Lomax to Harold Spivacke]

Port Aransas, Texas 2/4/39

Dear Mr. Spivacke:

Answering your questions "approximately:" Trip to Brownsville, Rio Grande City, Laredo and return, including side trips 700 m., Time 14 days. Trip to Houston, Texas, Huntsville, Little Rock, Ark., and Pine Bluff, Ark. including side trips, one way (no doubling back) 10 days, 65 m., From Pine Bluff, via Jackson, Miss., to Porthman, Miss., 5 days, 400 m., From Parchman, Miss to Livingston, Ala., including side trips. 6 Days, 300 mi., From Livingston, Ala, to Gainesville, Fla., and side trips, 5 days, 500 m., from Gainesville, Fla. to Clemson College, S. C., 5 days and side trips 4 days, 400 m., 2 From Clemson, S. C. to Murrell's Inlet, S. C. and side trips, 4 days, 250 m., Murrell's Inlet, S. C. to Washington 1 day 350 m.

Maybe I can shorten the time somewhat. I'll try. Please make any suggestions that occur to you. Some of this work is re-recording in spots where Alan said it was needed—either faulty records or worn discs.

Later I'll be glad to do Colorado, Mexico and Arizona for you.

Sincerely always, John A. Lomax

3550 miles, 49 days

P. S. I expect to stop at several out-of-the-way places. If I need the battery and converter, I'll need 'em badly. You might send one battery, fully charged, and the converter; or

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authorize me to buy a battery if I should need it. Do whatever you think best and is the least trouble to you.